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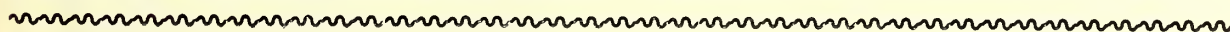
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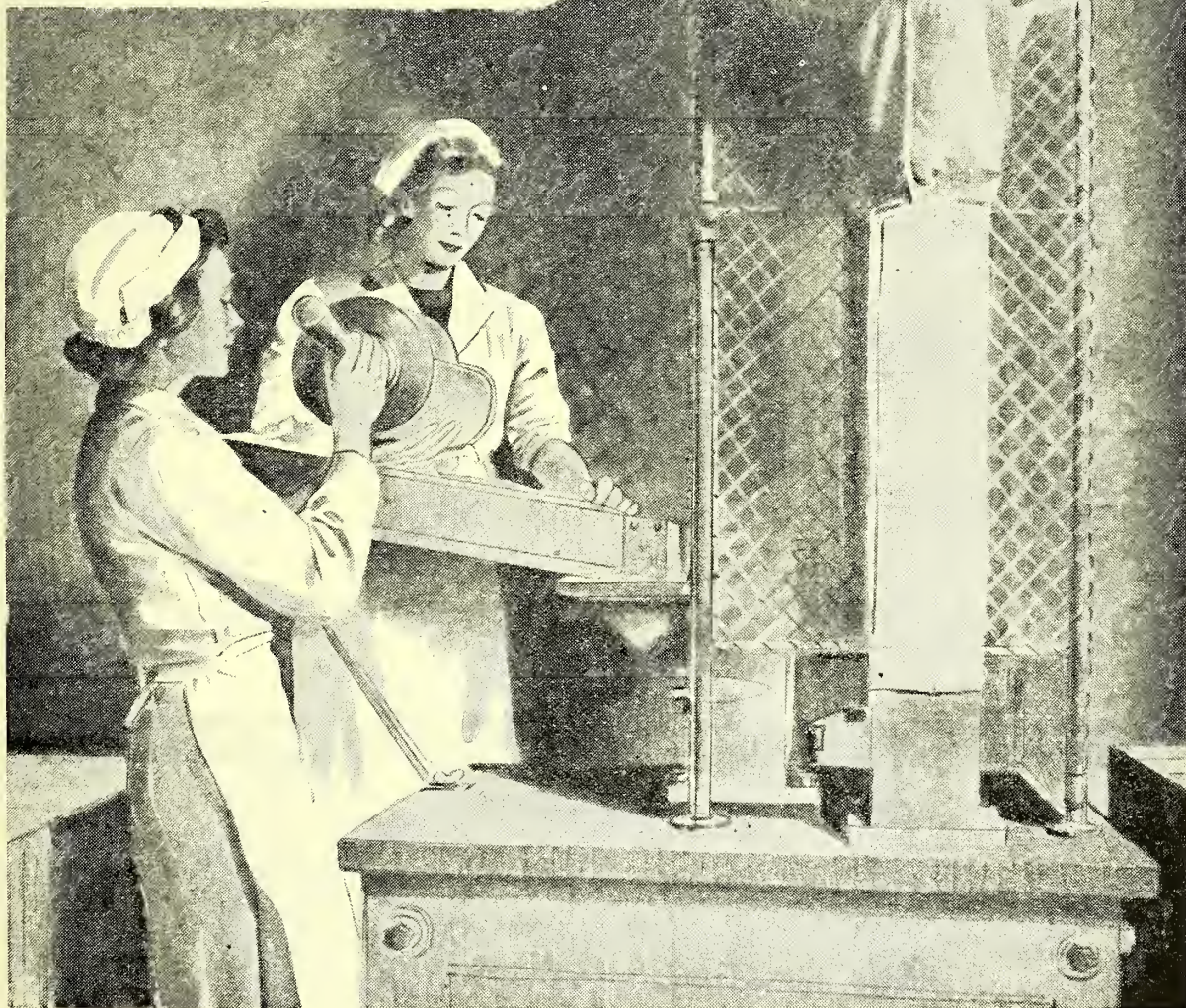
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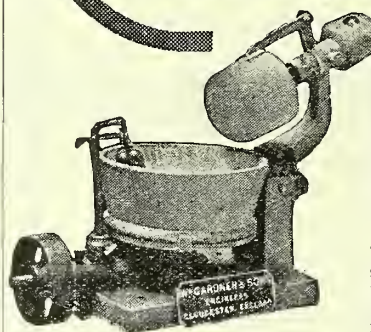
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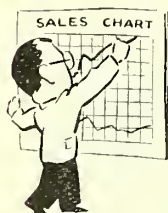
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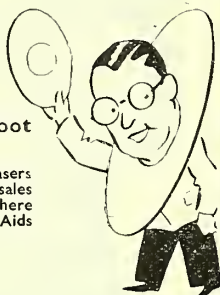


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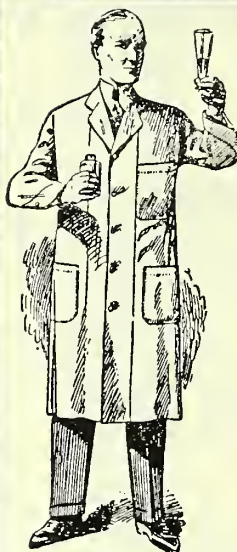
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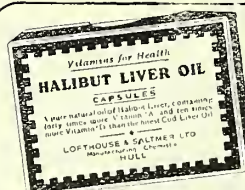
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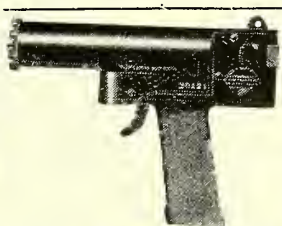
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Your board came to the conclusion at the outbreak of war that it would be advisable to carry as large stocks as possible, and in pursuance of this policy they have (as shown by the balance-sheet) increased the bank loans.

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The CHAIRMAN concluded by moving the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. J. STANLEY HOLMES, M.P. (managing director), seconded the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

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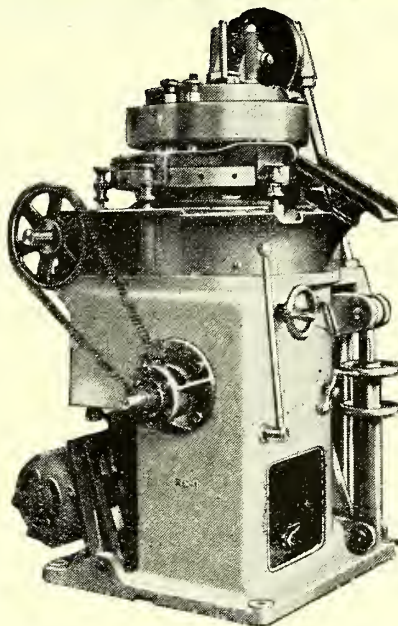
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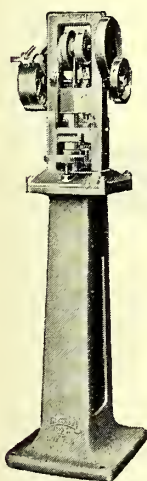
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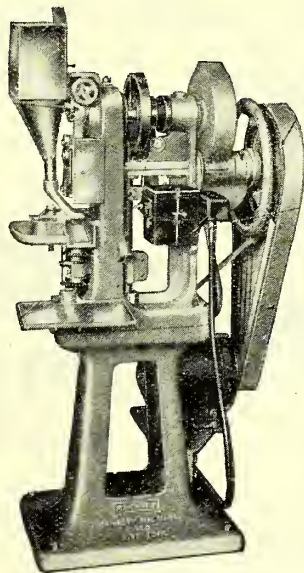
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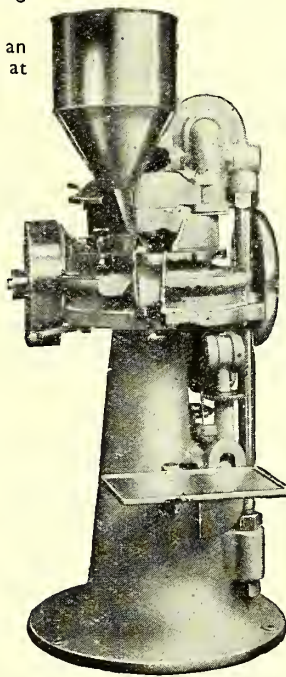
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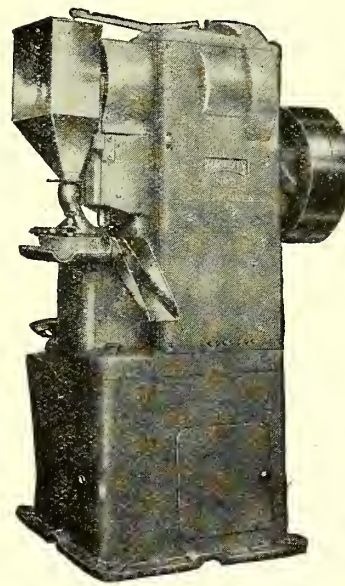
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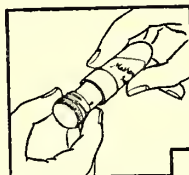
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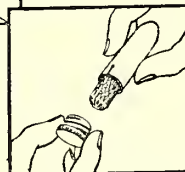
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Commodity Insurance.—Under an Order (S. R. & O., 1941, No. 124) dated August 20, the Board of Trade has prescribed that the premium in respect of any policy of insurance issued under the commodity insurance scheme during the period of three months commencing on September 3 is payable at the rate of three-eighths per cent. per month.

War Damage Act.—The Board of Trade has made an Order amending the War Damage (Business Scheme) Order, 1941, to permit insurance under the business scheme on a voluntary basis of: Containers for the supply of goods, being containers of a value not exceeding £5 each which are owned by the supplier but are not in his possession; books owned in the course of a business of letting books on hire while they are in the possession of any person other than their owner or his agent.

Export Licences Required.—Under a Board of Trade Order which comes into force on September 11, licences will be required for export to all destinations glue and gluestock, non-ferrous metals in the form of leaf and foil, barographs, aneroid barometers and certain chemicals. The Order (S.R. & O., 1941, No. 1247) prohibits export without licence to certain specified destinations of fluorspar; tends existing prohibitions relating to vitamins, casein, insulin and agricultural and horticultural seeds, and relaxes those relating to certain types of glassware.

Toilet Preparations Used against Dermatitis.—Factories in which toilet preparations are used for protection of workers against dermatitis have been limited in the quantities they can obtain by the Limitation of Supplies (No. 11) Order. The Board of Trade now states that if the factories concerned are unable to obtain enough for their needs, and provided that one of H.M. Inspectors of Factories certifies that there is a risk of dermatitis in the nature of the factory work, the Board will issue a special licence to the supplier of the preparation. This arrangement will permit quantities to be obtained by the factory beyond the supplier's quota.

Belgian Congo Information Bureau.—A Belgian Congo Information Bureau has, under the auspices of the Ministry of Colonies in Belgium, been established as a separate department of the Belgian Chamber of Commerce in London. Its functions are to assist exporters of British goods by providing (a) lists of Congo exporters or United Kingdom shippers to the Congo; (b) names of suitable agents; (c) status information on importers and agents; (d) details of contracts open to tender; and (e) information regarding demand for particular goods. It also supplies names and addresses of Belgian Congo shippers of a range of commodities, including medicinal herbs, beeswax, spices, essential oils and drugs. Enquiries should be addressed to 8 Union Court, London, E.C.2.

Repayment of Medicine Stamp Duty.—The Commissioners of Customs and Excise have issued as Notice 121 the following instructions regarding the procedure for obtaining repayment of the value of medicine stamps affixed to packages: *Applications for repayment of duty may be made locally.*—With reference to Notice 120, dated April 8, 1941, issued by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, arrangements have been made to enable retailers who, on September 2, 1941, may be in possession of medicine stamps affixed to packages, to apply direct to the local Officer of Customs and Excise for the purpose of obtaining repayment. Applications should be made as early as possible after September 2, 1941. *How claims to be made.*—Applications may be made personally or by prepaid post. Letters of application should state the number of stamps at each rate of duty, the amount of duty claimed, and the character and number of packages involved. Care should be taken that applica-

tions are complete, as one claim only can be accepted from each retailer. The Officer will thereafter send a form of claim and statutory declaration and state the procedure to be followed. Removal of medicine duty stamps will not be insisted upon; they may be defaced on the package in cases where removal would damage the package for sale purposes. *Repayment of duty.*—A remittance to cover the duty value of the defaced stamps will later be transmitted to each applicant.

Trading-with-Enemy Order Revoked.—The Trading with the Enemy (Specified Areas) (No. 6) Order is revoked by an Order (S. R. & O., 1941, No. 1156) issued by the Board of Trade.

Exposition of Chemical Industries, New York.—The United States Eighteenth Exposition of Chemical Industries is to be held in Grand Central Palace, New York, from December 1 to 6.

Long Service Award.—On the completion recently of sixty years' service with Howards & Sons, Ltd., Ilford, Mr. F. A. Martin was presented by the Board with a grandmother clock. Mr. Martin has been head foreman of the warehouse for thirty years, and is still carrying out his duties with full activity and efficiency.

D.D.A. Authorities Restored.—The Home Secretary has suspended operation, until further Order, of the withdrawal of authorities under the Dangerous Drugs Acts from Alfred John Beckett, M.B., Ch.B. The effect of the suspension is to restore to Dr. Beckett the authorities granted by Regulations under the Act of 1920.

British Association of Chemists.—The London section of the Association is holding a meeting at the Café Royal, Regent Street, London, W.1, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, when Mr. T. McLachlan, D.C.M., A.C.G.F.C., F.I.C. (a member of the London Committee), will open a discussion on "The Training of the Chemist." Mr. W. C. Peck (chairman, London section) will preside.

Women Pharmacists.—The president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Mr. Walter Deacon, C.B.E.) addressed members of the National Association of Women Pharmacists on August 28 on "People, Places and Perfumes," illustrating his talk with hand-coloured lantern slides of flower-growing centres in Southern France, Holland and Corsica. Details of the cultivation and collection of fields of lavender, jasmin, jonquil, roses, violets, mimosa, orange blossom, etc., and of the processes of extraction, were shown on other slides. The chair was occupied by Miss E. Hodgkinson (president of the Association).

President Claims Pharmacy Act Advantages.—At a meeting of the Nottingham Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society on August 20, the chairman (Mr. T. R. Burrows), after a brief reference to the late Mr. A. E. Beilby, in memory of whom members stood in silence for a minute, introduced the speaker, Mr. Walter Deacon (president, Pharmaceutical Society). Mr. Deacon, whose subject was "Pharmacy—August 20, 1941," pointed out that the Act which had just been passed had been introduced by the Government with a powerful backing of Cabinet Ministers, so that there was little chance of any effective opposition, but he claimed that pharmacy had gained more than it had lost, and enumerated nine points which he thought were to its advantage. He mentioned particularly that counter prescribing was now legally recognised. Mr. Deacon also referred to the planning committee that had been set up to deal with the situation that would arise after the war, and promised that any constructive suggestions would be carefully examined. Ten members asked questions, all of which Mr. Deacon dealt with. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. A. Bates and seconded by Mr. A. E. Turner.

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WINDING-UP.—A meeting of the creditors of Sander's Chemical Products, Ltd., will be held at 10 New Street, Leicester, at 10.30 a.m. on September 8, to show how the company has been wound-up.

PROTECTION ORDER.—Under the Liabilities (War-time Adjustment) Act, 1941, David Stephen, trading as Chattertons Central Pharmacy, 20 Market Place, Margate, Kent, was awarded a Protection Order on August 20.

CREDITORS' MEETINGS.—Meetings of creditors and members of Compass Cameras, Ltd., will be held at the offices of Hogg, Bullimore & Co., River Plate House, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C.2 at 12 noon and 12.30 p.m. on Monday, September 22.—Meetings of members and creditors of Nuro (Biggleswade), Ltd., will be held at 73 Cheapside, London, E.C.2, at 2.45 p.m. and 3 p.m. on September 30.

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE FROM BANKRUPTCY.—Jacob Nathan Lever, M.P.S., 6 Hanover Gardens, Broughton Park, Salford, Lancs, lately in business at 131 Great Ducie Street, Strangeways, Manchester. Hearing will take place at Court House, Encombe Place, Salford, at 10.15 a.m. on September 22.

COMPANIES DISSOLVED.—In a list, published in "The London Gazette" on August 29, of companies struck off the Register, the following are included: Beauty & Hairdressing Salons, Ltd.; Continental Chemical Corporation, Ltd.; Coote-Rowson (Colour Photography), Ltd.; D. E. Lees (Chemists), Ltd.; Heavy Chemicals, Ltd.; James Walker (Bottles), Ltd.; June, Ltd.; Luminex, Ltd.; Luntz Chemist, Ltd.; Modern Display, Ltd.; North of England Baby's Napkin Service, Ltd.; Pure Food Specialists (Liverpool), Ltd.; Westminster Hygienic Products, Ltd.; Winterhalter Crystal Glass Co., Ltd.

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Division and Subtraction.—It appears from your first editorial article on p. 115 that the breach between the Pharmaceutical Society and the National Pharmaceutical Union is complete. This outcome of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act (or, more correctly, of the Bill that led up to the Act) was for the most part unforeseen. In delivering judgment in the Jenkin test case in 1920, Mr. Justice Peterson remarked that the word "protection" in the Society's Charter was indefinite—a prophetic observation, as it turns out. And at the Cardiff meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference in 1930 a past-chairman of the Conference, speaking on the then recent report of the Departmental Committee on the Pharmacy Acts, said it was possible to imagine changes which might be to the benefit of the Pharmaceutical Society rather than to that of pharmacy—another prophetic observation. As far as I can judge, the liaison committee formed by the Society and the N.P.U. may as well be dissolved. What of the future? While all this manoeuvring at cross-purposes has been going on, the medical profession has been accepting—under protest, as might have been expected—a rise from 9s. to 9s. 9d. in its National Health Insurance capitation fee. One of the next fights before pharmacy is a concerted effort to improve upon the beggarly terms now in force for insurance dispensing. We may possibly be reminded that this is the sole concern of the N.P.U. as the body entrusted with negotiations on behalf of contracting chemists. The concluding sentences of your editorial article envisage the devising of a new plan for enabling pharmacy to "speak with one voice." In the case of N.H.I. negotiations, it is desirable to ascertain whether the Union wishes to be strengthened by addition from without in beginning its next campaign. If so, by whom? If the Pharmaceutical Society is bent merely on playing for its own hand, it will do well to keep out of the way. The "N.P.U. Supplement" makes, in the passage you quote, a point I have made in this section, namely, that the Society has moved a long way from the policy of its founders.

The Close of a Chapter.—The operation of Section 14 of the Act referred to in the preceding paragraph, repealing certain masses of "confused, obsolete verbiage" as from September 2, has been accepted by many of us with a tinge of regret. Although the tissue of administrative anomalies surrounding the Medicines Stamp Acts

MARRIAGES

ARMITAGE—HAMPSON.—At Haigh Parish Church, nr. Wigan, August 25, Flying Officer Herbert Selwyn Armitage, B.Sc., R.A.F.V. to Marjorie, only daughter of Mr. Ernest T. Hampson (a director of Jeffre Miller & Co., Ltd.).

BRUCE—GALLOWAY.—At Govanhill South Church, Glasgow, on August 28, Lawrence Garven Bruce, M.B., Ch.B., M.P.S., 6 Hampden Terrace, Mount Florida, Glasgow, to Margaret Galloway.

DEATHS

FOSTER.—At West Ashling, near Chichester, on August 26, Alderman Ferdinand Green Foster, J.P., chemist and druggist, aged eighty. Had he lived a few weeks longer, Alderman Foster would have completed fifty years of public service—thirty years as an Alderman—and he was Mayor of Portsmouth in 1907 and 1922, and the fourth Lord Mayor of the City in 1931. He had been chairman of the Higher Education Committee from its inception in 1902, and of the full Education Committee since 1919.

FREKE.—At 4 Mount Ephraim Lane, Streatham, London, S.W., August 31, Mrs. Alice Freke, M.P.S., a former member of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society. Mrs. Freke qualified in 1898 and was for 50 years proprietor of a retail business. She took an active part in launching the National Association of Women Pharmacists in 1905 and in 1923 became office as president of the Association. In 1926 she was co-opted to the Pharmaceutical Society's Council, and was elected in 1927, retaining her seat until 1936. Mrs. Freke had considerable educational experience in connexion with the London County Council and on the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Labour on juvenile employment.

GATES.—At 105 Herries Road, Pollokshields, Glasgow, on August 31, Mr. Joseph Gates, of Joy's Capsule Co. [Corrected note].

JOHNSTON.—On August 21, Mr. T. J. Johnston, Edinburgh manager J. F. Macfarlan & Co., manufacturing chemists, aged sixty. Prior to joining Messrs. Macfarlan as works manager in 1915, Mr. Johnston was with the Pumpherson Oil Co., the Sulphate of Ammonia Co., Ltd., and the Castillon Oil Co., of Spain. He became the Edinburgh manager on the death of the late Mr. Rainy Brown. He is survived by a son and daughter.

WANT.—At 6 Cunningham Close, West Wickham, on September 2, Mr. William Phillip Want, Ph.C., aged seventy-six. Mr. Want, a former editor of the "British and Colonial Pharmacist," retired in 1931. His apprenticeship in pharmacy commenced in 1881. Mr. Want became senior B.S. Scholar in 1885, qualified from the Pharmaceutical Society's school in 1888 and passed the Major examination in July, 1888. Till 1890 he was dispenser at the Royal Naval School, Greenwich, but in that year he joined the staff of the "British and Colonial Druggist" (the former title of the paper) as sub-editor. Ten years later he became the editor.

was undoubtedly a nuisance, yet the Acts had for 158 years recognised pharmacy in the same way as they recognised medicine and surgery. But interpretation was beset with difficulty from the outset. Before the first Act came into force the Attorney-General and other legal authorities were asked to explain its purport. After two years an amending Act was found to be necessary; then came the temporary inclusion of toilet preparations in the scope of the duties; later such classes of goods as lozenges and mineral waters had to be dealt with. Many problems, in short, came up at intervals for decision; and the administrative authorities, in their desire to accommodate those who supplied the revenue, wove a tangled web of concession difficult to explain logically. A future historian may well be puzzled to account for the fact that under the Acts a mustard leaf was an entire drug but a tablet compressed with the aid of an excipient was not.

Known, Admitted and Approved.—In many accounts of the Acts published from time to time the importance of the "known, admitted and approved" remedies exemption has, to the best of my knowledge, been given less than its due. It is hardly too much to say that, in greater measure than any other factor, it has brought about the disintegration of the Acts on the practical side. First used as a defence in the eighteen-twenties, its significance in determining a problem of labelling remained conjectural till the late Sir William Glyn-Jones established it in his test case in 1903. Having set up a definition of a known, admitted and approved remedy, the Board of Inland Revenue (and latterly the Board of Customs and Excise) had to settle the related question of who might sell these remedies unstamped. Limited companies trading as chemists had to be provided for. Large-scale manufacturers and wholesalers were brought within the scope of the scheme. The status of trademarks called for a working arrangement. Ultimately there came a widespread declaration of formula resulting in a drop of revenue from the "peak" of £1,333,512 to £747,930 in 1935-36, when the second Select Committee on the Acts was set up. Do any of the members of the Committee feel slighted by the shelving of their elaborate recommendations by subsequent Chancellors of the Exchequer?

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N.I. COUNCIL AND BELFAST CORONER

THE suggestion that the Belfast coroner (Dr. H. P. Lowe) had exceeded his duty was made at a special meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, held at 73 University Street, Belfast, on August 26. The meeting was called as the result of an observation alleged to have been made by the coroner at the inquest on August 5 on Edward McMullan, aged 13½, 16 Kilburn Street, Belfast, who died at his home on August 1 of diphtheritic ulceration of the tonsils and hæmorrhagic pneumonia of the right lung (see *C. & D.*, August 30, p. 112).

Mr. Malcolm Davison, the Society's solicitor, read a statement by the chemist concerned, a member of the Society. This was to the effect that on July 24 the boy, sent by his mother, Mrs. McMullan, came into his shop for treatment for a cut on the finger. The wound had turned slightly septic so he told the boy to tell his mother to bathe it in a solution of salt and warm water and then apply poultices until all the inflammation was removed. On July 26 the boy came back again, this time with his mother, and it was found that only a little pus remained in the wound. He therefore applied a dressing and told Mrs. McMullan that if the wound should not get clean after the plaster was removed, to apply more poultices. Some days later, when Mrs. McMullan was in the shop, she told him that Edward's and had healed but that he had taken mumps. She did not, however, ask for anything for the boy's throat, or how she should treat it. On the following morning he heard that the boy had died during the night, and being that he had been speaking to Mrs. McMullan the previous evening he called at the house to sympathise with her. This was the first time he ever entered the house. On the following morning he learned that the cause of death was diphtheritic ulcerated tonsils and at that thought that the matter had dropped. In the evening, however, of the inquest, while attending some customers, somebody shouted in to him in his shop that "I had hit the highlights to-night."

I did not at that time know what the remark really meant, but on receiving the evening paper the headlines startled and amazed me, and I immediately set about getting things adjusted. I rang up Dr. Lowe, but could get no satisfaction except a few criticisms and a very annoying statement. The statement which Dr. Lowe made to me on the 'phone and later repeated in his surgery was "Mrs. McMullan swore on her oath in court that you visited her home at 16 Kilburn Street and after inspecting the boy's throat prescribed for it, and if you don't like to believe it it is in her written deposition which you can inspect any time at the City Hall."

"Dr. Lowe further criticised me for even attempting to put a plaster on a finger and said that I wasn't allowed to do it as that was what doctors were for. He informed me that the only satisfaction for injury to my business I could get was to demand Mrs. McMullan to send an apology to the paper for making the above untrue statement, if it was untrue. I immediately went round to Mrs. McMullan to find out what she had actually said. Mr. and Mrs. McMullan were extremely annoyed at the publicity which the inquest had incurred, and seemed in a terrible state as regards my connexion with the affair. Mrs. McMullan said, 'All our troubles would not compare with what we have brought on you, and if there is any way we can help you to live this affair down we shall certainly do it.' I then told Mr. and Mrs. McMullan and daughters of my conversation with Dr. Lowe and this incriminating statement. The whole McMullan family were unanimous in disclaiming it as a downright lie, and asked me that they could do to help me. I suggested writing out statements stating exactly what had happened as regards my end of the case. This they all agreed to and when I prepared them they willingly signed them, the two daughters stating that they too were at the inquest and would verify the fact that their mother or father never made any such statement as Dr. Lowe states."

"The next day I visited Dr. Lowe at his surgery to let him know that Mr. and Mrs. McMullan denied having made any such statement, and to see if he could give me anything to prove his words. He informed me it was on their depositions and in the newspapers too. I told him it was not in the newspapers and perhaps he would ring up the City Hall and let me hear the depositions for myself. This he did, and after hearing these read over to me I informed Dr. Lowe that no such remark was made either by the father or the mother. Dr. Lowe then began to lose his temper and informed me very strongly that he did not care what the depositions said, that Mrs. McMullan said it in Court and that if I did not get out he would have the law on me; further, that when I was dealing with him I was dealing with the law."

"I told Dr. Lowe I appreciated the fact that I was speaking to the City Coroner, but asked him what he meant by the remark that I couldn't counter prescribe. He informed me quite bluntly that neither I could, nor the law did not permit chemists to prescribe, and did I want to make a surgery out of my shop. I informed Dr. Lowe that I did not make a surgery out of my shop, but I gave advice when I was asked and when I could. This also, he says, I am not allowed to do, and added, 'What do you think doctors are for?' With this and further rude remarks he shouted me from his premises. As regards the effect on my business, from the day of the inquest I have times without number been asked what I had been doing, and how did I get into this fix, by numerous customers, these customers being the patriotic ones. I need hardly add that this whole affair has had a detrimental effect on my business."

Mr. Davison also submitted the statements made by Mr. and Mrs. McMullan and copies of the inquest depositions. The coroner, he said, was entitled to certain privileges, but so were that Council, and if they found that he was not justified in the remarks he had made then they could pass a resolution to that effect. It was the Council's duty to the public to investigate this serious allegation against their member.

Discussion and Resolution.—MR. J. E. CONNOR, J.P., said the coroner's criticism was most unfair, particularly in view of the fact that the chemist had not been present. He had been found guilty without a hearing.

MR. J. TREVOR NICHOLL said the chemist had been seriously damaged by the statement, and there was a general reflection of incompetence on the whole profession.

DR. S. E. A. ACHESON, medical member of the Council, said that to link the chemist and his treatment of the finger with the boy's death was utterly absurd because the two things had not the slightest connexion. The coroner's remarks were, he considered, quite uncalled-for, because the chemist never saw the boy's throat and never prescribed for the throat.

MR. J. DONAGHY challenged the coroner's assertion that chemists had no right to prescribe and said there was a clause in the new English Act which reserved to the chemist the right to counter prescribe in company with doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons and herbalists.

MR. H. F. MOORE (vice-president) said the coroner's words had blasted this young man's career for the moment, and he had lost heart. In his (Mr. Moore's) opinion it was time the chemists exerted themselves in their own protection, and saw about getting their professional status properly recognised.

MR. JAMES GLENDINNING (president) agreed that there was a slur not only on this particular member but on the whole profession, and said they owed it to everybody to take swift and effective action. He therefore proposed the following resolution: "We have considered it our duty not only to our member but to the public to investigate this matter, and having read all the depositions and the statements given by the father and mother of the boy, and also a full statement by the member in question, we have come to the conclusion that the remarks of the coroner were completely unjustified and should be withdrawn. We would point out that the chemist was not present at the inquest. Such remarks are likely to do serious harm to the reputation and professional standing of any member of the Society. Moreover, we challenge the statement of the coroner that it is contrary to the law for a chemist to prescribe or order treatment. We are of opinion that the duty of a coroner at an inquest is to find the cause of death. If we are correct the coroner has far exceeded his duty on this occasion."

MR. J. E. CONNOR seconded and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The secretary (Mr. D. L. Kirkpatrick) was directed to send copies to Dr. Lowe, the Home Office and the newspapers which had published a report of the inquest.

THE PRESIDENT and MR. CONNOR expressed the thanks of the Council to Mr. Davison for the admirable way he had handled the case, and to Mr. Moore and Mr. Walter C. Tate for the assistance they had rendered.

The Coroner's Reply.—DR. H. P. LOWE, the Belfast City Coroner, replied on August 29. He said he had just received a copy of the resolution which the Society had passed, and he thought it deserved a comment from him. "The Press reports of the Pharmaceutical Society meeting suggest, he said, that that body is annoyed with comments made by me at a recent inquest. It is apparent that the Society's sympathy lies with the chemist who, as testified to on oath by the father of the dead boy, did prescribe for the deceased on more than one occasion. To infer or suggest that the evidence tendered was false is tantamount to accusing the parents of having committed perjury. I have no reason to believe that they did. I heard the case, as I do all cases before me, with an unbiased mind, and, apart from any small medical knowledge I may possess, I am still of the opinion that had the boy been attended by a fully qualified medical person, even for his finger, the doctor in the course of his work would have detected the boy's throat condition. Having done so, prompt and proper measures would have been adopted, and perhaps the boy's life saved. It was thought that the boy had mumps, whereas he died from a diphtheritic infection. Surely such a serious difference permits of my expression "Ignorance." Inquests must be held in open Courts, except those which must be held *in camera*, therefore the chemist need not complain at his own absence at the inquest. My statement that as far as I know the chemist acted contrary to law is based on an Act of 1917, but even permitting that that Act does not apply, it is well within my memory that at a recent meeting of the Chemists' Society that body of people did vigorously protest at grocers doing the work of chemists. Now that same body, although the duties and powers of His Majesty's coroners have been skillfully set out by learned and brilliant lawyers, has taken it upon itself to interpret and expound upon these duties, and in a somewhat novel manner, and certainly one which does not commend itself to a person who desires to carry out his functions to the public without fear or favour. Instead of bandying words as to whether a chemist is to act as a medical doctor or not, let the Society and myself help the bereaved parents to try to forget their tragic loss."

MEDICINAL HERBS.—The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has recently published a handbook under the title of "Medicinal Herbs and their Cultivation," giving details of the cultivation of medicinal plants in this country (Bulletin No. 121, H.M. Stationery Office, price 6d.). The material in the Bulletin has been taken, after necessary revision, from an earlier publication (Bulletin No. 76, "Herbs"). The book is divided into the following sections: Cultivated herbs (sixteen plants); wild herbs (nine plants); oil-containing seeds (seven plants).

NEW PRICES FOR MANY PROPRIETARIES

CONSEQUENT upon repeal of the medicine-stamp duties, the following revised prices came into operation on September 2. Quantity or bonus terms are available for many of the products listed. Particulars are obtainable from the manufacturers. See also Coloured Supplement.

Firm	Product	Size	Price per doz. to retailer	Purchase tax per doz.	Inclusive retail price	Firm	Product	Size	Price per doz. to retailer	Purchase tax per doz.	Inclusive retail price
Askit, Ltd.	Askit powders	Pkt. of 6	s. d. 11 0	s. d. 1 10	s. d. 1 5	Dr. John Hooper's Female Pills Co., Ltd.	Dr. John Hooper's female pills, "The Genuine"		s. d. 8 6	s. d. 1 5	s. d. 1 2
		Pkt. of 28	52 0	8 8	5 9				18 6	3 2	2 9
		Box of 66	10 0	1 8							
		Box of 140	20 0	3 4							
	Askit tablets		11 0	1 10	1 5	Iglodine Co., Ltd.	Iglodine antiseptic	2-oz.	4 2	8 1	7
Aspro, Ltd.	Aspro	Pkt. of 5	2 1	4	3 1			3-oz.	7 0	1 2	11 1
		Pkt. of 10	4 2	8 1	6 1			8-oz.	13 0	2 2	1 9 1
		Pkt. of 27	10 0	1 8	1 3 1		throat tablets		5 6	11	9
		Pkt. of 60	18 0	3 0	2 6 1		cream	jars	10 6	1 9	1 5 1
Beechams Pills, Ltd.	Beechams pills		10 10		1 4				28 0	3 0	2 6
			26 3		3 3				45 0	4 8	3 10 1
		82 x 1d. twists	51 0		5 6		nasal douche		8 0	7 6	6 3
	Beechams pdrs.		10 10		1 4	Irving's Yeast Vite, Ltd.	Irving's Yeast Vite		nil		1 0
		34 x 2 1/2 d. powders tablet form	51 0		5 6						1 4
			10 10		1 4		Iron Jelloids				3 3
	Beechams lung syrup		12 3		1 5		Cicfa				5 4
	Phyllosan tablets		24 6		2 10						1 4
			28 6		3 5		Holloway's pills				3 3
			47 5		5 8						1 4
	Lactopeptine tablets, powder and elixir		12 3		1 5		Holloway's ointment				3 3
			29 6		3 5						5 4
			116 0		12 8						
Edwin Burgess, Ltd.	Burgess Lion ointment and pills		10 0	1 8	1 3	George Jackson & Sons, Ltd.	Jackson's febrifuge		10 0	1 7 1/2	1 3
			24 0	4 0	3 0				25 0	4 1	3 0
			38 6	6 5	5 0				40 0	6 6	5 0
			96 0	16 0	12 0	Thomas Keating, Ltd.	Hayman's balsam		8 0		1 3
			14 10 ea.	2 6 ea.	24 0				20 6		3 0
G. T. Congreve, Ltd.	Congreve's balsamic elixir		11 3	1 10 1/2	1 5				8 0		1 3
	Dr. Fleming's quinine and compound pills		27 0	4 6	3 4 1/2	Lincoln & Midland Counties Drug Co., Ltd.	Clarke's blood mixture (liquid & tablets) (liquid only)		16 4		2 0
	Congreve's balsamic elixir		45 0	7 6	5 7 1/2				28 0		3 5
			108 0	18 0	13 6				46 8		5 8
William Edwards & Sons	Roche's embrocation		32 9	5 5 1/2	4 3				112 0		13 7
Alfred Fennings	Fennings' children's cooling powders		10 0	1 8	1 3	Stephen Matthews & Co., Ltd.	Curicones		36 0	6 0	5 0
		96 pdrs.	24 0	4 0	3 0				101 0	17 0	14 0
			46 0	7 8	Single powders 1d. each 2 for 1 1/2 d.	John Morgan Jones	Jif powders	Box of 144 powders	173 0	29 0	24 0
		240 pdrs.	110 6	18 6					18 0	3 0	2 6
	Fennings' adult cooling powders, whooping-cough powders, worm pdrs., stomach strengtheners					New Era Treatment Co., Ltd.	Elasto		194 0	32 4	2 1/2 d. per powder
	Fennings' lung healers		10 0	1 8	1 3				42 0		5 0
			24 0	4 0	3 0	W. T. Owbridge, Ltd.	Owbridge's lung tonic	Gross lots	9 0		1 2
			24 0	4 0	3 0				8 6		1 2
	Fennings' lung healers		10 0	1 8	1 3	Phosferine (Ashton & Parsons), Ltd.	Phosferine (liquid and tablets)				1 4
			24 0	4 0	3 0						3 3
			38 6	6 6	5 0		Ashton & Parsons' infants powders				5 4
	Fennings' ointment		10 0	1 8	1 3						1 4
	Fennings' fever curer		10 0	1 8	1 3	Potter & Clarke, Ltd.	Potter's asthma pills		8 0		1 0 1/2
	Fennings' rheumatic drops		10 0	1 8	1 3		Potter's catarrh pastilles		21 0		2 6 1/2
C. E. Fulford, Ltd.	Bile Beans	Small	10 0		1 4		Irisine blood purifier		8 0		1 1 1/2
		Medium	24 6		3 3		Dr. Thompson's blood tonic		5 0		10 1/2
		Large			5 6		Wizard corn paint		23 0		2 10
G. T. Fulford Co., Ltd. (of Canada)	Dr. Williams' pink pills		11 9	1 11 1/2	1 5		Walker corn cure		5 0		1 0
	Pinkettes		28 6	4 9	3 5				7 0		1 0 1/2
	Bablets (Baby's own tablets)		11 9	1 11 1/2	1 5		Carter's cough remover		19 0		3 0 1/2
			11 9	1 11 1/2	1 5		Potter's elixir of herbs		7 0		1 1
Stephen Green, Ltd.	Singleton's eye ointment		25 0				Four-dose cold cure		21 0		2 9 1/2
E. Griffiths, Hughes, Ltd.	Baxen powders	Box of 36	39 0		6 0				7 0		1 1
	Digestif Rennie	Box of 24 rolls of 10	57 0		7 0		Liana cough balsam		8 0		1 1
Thomas Harley, Ltd.	Mascot liquid inhalant		9 0	1 6	1 0		Dutch drops		21 0		2 9 1/2
			13 6	2 0	1 6				4 0		9 1/2
							"Doublets"		9 0		1 1 1/2
							15 pdrs.		8 0		1 1 1/2
							36 pdrs.		19 0		2 6

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	Skelton's pulmonary cough lozenge		7 6		1 1
	Dr. Buchanan's skin clear		7 0		1 1
	Dr. Frye's pile cure		21 0		2 5
	Antifat pills, new form		5 0		10
	Renal, gout and rheumatic pills		8 0		1 1
	Dr. Thompson's quick cure		4 6		9
	Slack's sure cure for rheumatism		7 6		1 2
	Dr. Thompson's teething powders		5 0		10
			4 3		6½
			8 0		1 1½
	Tonic and nerve essence		21 0		2 9½
Roberts' Croupline, Ltd.	Croupline cough syrup		8 0		1 1½
			21 0		2 9½
	Crevalin catarrh cure				1 3
	Phistol				1 3
Scott & Bowne, Ltd.	Croupline cough lozenges				1 3
	Scott's emulsion		12 8	2 1½	1 6
			29 8	4 11½	3 6
John Steedman & Co.			46 6	7 9	5 6
	Steedman's powders	9 pdrs	8 0	1 4	1 1
		27 pdrs	23 0	3 10	3 0
Teasdale Chlorodyne Co., Ltd.			92 0	15 4	12 0
	Dr. Lane's catarrh cure and O. Phelps		10 3	1 9	1 3
	Brown's Nature's herbal ointment		24 6	4 1	3 0
	O. Phelps		41 0	6 10	5 0
	Brown's acacia balsam		24 6	4 1	3 0
	blood purifier		41 0	6 10	5 0
	Liver invigorator. Restorative assimulant		98 0	16 4	12 0
Veno Drug Co., Ltd.	Dr. Cassell's tablets				1 4
					3 3
	Veno's Lightning cough cure				5 4
					1 4
	Germolene				3 3
	Phensic				1 4
Western Dental Manufacturing Co., Ltd.					3 3
					5 4
	Thermogene vapour rub				1 4
					3 3
William R. Warner & Co., Ltd.	Sotol mouthwash tablets	40 tablets	15 9	5 3	2 2
		100 tablets	27 0	9 0	3 9
		250 tablets	54 0	18 0	7 6
		500 tablets	90 0	30 0	12 6
Wyleys, Ltd.	Sloan's Liniment		16 0	2 8	2 0
	Greenfield's whooping-cough mixture		9 6	1 7	1 3
	Neuracatin tablets		15 0	2 6	2 0
			9 0	1 6	1 3
			23 0	3 10	3 0

BRITISH SCHERING

THE recent registrations of the parent company, British Schering, Ltd., with those of British Schering Research Laboratories, Ltd., and British Schering Manufacturing Laboratories, Ltd., which,

as a group, have acquired the assets and goodwill of the former company, Schering, Ltd., are of considerable interest to the trade. These developments will, in due course, be a substantial contribution to the strength of the ethical pharmaceutical industry in this country. In an announcement to the trade, it is stated that the directorates and entire personnel are British born and that the financial interest in the three companies is also entirely British. The activities of the new organisation commence with the manufacture in this country and distribution of existing Schering products, the patents and processes of which have been acquired, thus ensuring continuity of supplies for the medical profession. Arrangements have been made for research facilities and post-war manufacturing developments. An advisory panel of specialists has been organised and developments are reported to be already in progress. The head office of the companies is 185-190 High Holborn, London, W.C.1.



MR. A. W. EDWARDS

Production will be carried on by British Schering Manufacturing Laboratories, Ltd., at Fitzwarren Street, Seedley, Salford, 6, and research at the British Schering Research Institute (British Schering Research Laboratories, Ltd.), Brook Lane, Alderley Edge, Cheshire. British Schering, Ltd., will operate as distributors of the companies' manufactures. The managing director of the new organisation is Mr. A. W. Edwards, who for sixteen years was engaged in the same capacity with the former company, Schering, Ltd. The directors are Dr. D. H. Hey, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.I.C., Mr. E. P. Carter, O.B.E., and Mr. H. C. Lavington. Dr. Hey, who will be responsible for research developments, is connected with the Department of Organic Chemistry, Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, and previously of Manchester University. He is a graduate of the Universities of London, Manchester and Wales, a member of the Council of the Chemical Society, and chairman of the Fine Chemicals Committee of the Advisory Research Council.

TRADE NOTES

ALLANTOIN.—Genatosan, Ltd., Loughborough, elsewhere in this issue give some interesting details of the therapeutic uses of Allantoin and details of the various forms in which they are able to supply this product.

INQUIRIES DIRECT.—Pending reorganisation of their travellers' territories, H. Bromley & Co., Ltd., Acton Vale, London, W.3, ask customers previously visited by Mr. E. J. Webb (see first column) to post their inquiries direct to the firm.

ALTERATION IN PRICE.—Buitoughs Wellcome & Co., 183 Euston Road, London, N.W.1, inform us that there has been a slight reduction in the larger size pack of Wellcome brand benzyl benzoate emulsion since it was advertised in the C. & D., August 23.

BENGER'S FOOD.—In compliance with a Government order this well-known product will in future be sold in 8-oz., 1-lb., and 2-lb. sizes. Details of the new packets and prices are given in an announcement in this issue by Benger's Food, Ltd., Holmes Chapel, Cheshire.

ELIXIR GABAIL.—The Anglo-French Drug Co., Ltd., Guilford Street, London, W.C.1, inform us that the retail price of Elixir Gabail has been reduced, and the wholesale price has been adjusted accordingly. This product is now made in this country by the Gabail Laboratories.

BROOKLAX AND BONOMINT.—Westminster Laboratories, Ltd., Murray House, Vandon Street, London, S.W.1, announce that from September 8 no goods will be supplied on bonus terms but trade and retail prices will remain unaltered. These measures are due to certain difficulties which are explained in the company's advertisement.

ARTIFICIAL SHORTAGES.—In the C. & D., August 23, we included an editorial article entitled "A Suggestion from Wholesalers." In this issue the manufacturers of Elastoplast and Lilia, T. J. Smith & Nephew, Ltd., Hull, point out that none of their products should be unobtainable if retailers will confine their orders to normal requirements.

BUSINESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.—Mr. Jacques M. Bemisch, 5 Chareh Shawarbi Pacha, 5, Cairo, invites manufacturers of fine chemicals, proprietary medicines, toilet requisites and similar lines to communicate with him if they are interested in supplying their products throughout the Middle East. Mr. Bemisch has branches in various countries and agencies at other points, some details of which are given in his advertisement in this issue.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. R. C. SCHIMMER, a partner in Brome & Schimmer, drug merchants, London, S.E. has joined the Navy as sub-lieutenant in the R.N.V.R.

Mr. E. J. WEBB, a sales representative for H. Bromley & Co., Ltd., has been gazetted lieutenant in the Royal Army Service Corps.

Mr. HERBERT A. BERENS, a director of Biddle, Sawyer & Co., Ltd., Empire House, St. Martins-le-Grand, London, E.C.1, is leaving London shortly on a business trip to Portugal, North and South America, New Zealand, Australia, Burma, India, Egypt and South Africa.



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	41/-	6/10	47/10	5/-
O. PHELPS BROWN'S ACACIAN BALSAM BLOOD PURIFIER LIVER INVIGORATOR RESTORATIVE ASSIMILANT	24/6	4/1	28/7	3/-
	41/-	6/10	47/10	5/-
	98/-	16/4	114/4	12/-
TEASDALE Brand CHLORODYNE	11/-	1/10	12/10	1/5
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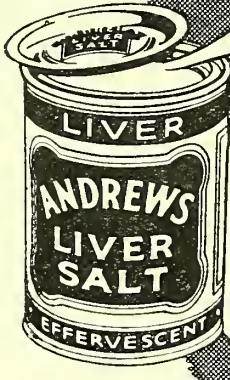
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(From "The Trade Marks Journal," July 30, 1941)

"NYLADDIS," "NYLADDIN," and "NYLAD"; for brushes (not being stationary, etc.) (21) (IV). By "Addis, Hertford," The Brush Works, Ware Road, Hertford. 615,192/3/4. (All Associated.)

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," August 6, 1941)

"DESATINOL"; for industrial chemicals (1) (IV). By Durand & Huguenin Société Anonyme, Fabrikstrasse, Basle, Switzerland. 615,239.

"MANZA"; for hair preparations (3) (IV). By E. Ratcliffe, 14 Ealing Road, Wembley. 615,179.

"CANISERAN"; for veterinary preparations for treatment of distemper in dogs (5) (IV). By Bayer Products, Ltd., 14 Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1. B614,853.

"STERAMIDE"; for amide preparations for use in medicine and pharmacy (5) (IV). By Ward, Blenkinsop & Co., Ltd., Wood Road, Halewood, Liverpool. 615,217.

"TYESULES"; for capsules being containers wholly or principally of metal; and of glass (6) (21) (IV). By J. Tye & Son, Ltd., 457 Caledonian Road, London, N.7. 615,195/6. (Both Associated.)

"FEMIGENE"; for pessaries (not medicated) (10) (IV). By Seal Laboratories, Ltd., 66 Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.2. 615,240.

"CRESSITE"; for rubber, synthetic rubber and articles made therefrom (17) (IV). By A. A. Cressall, Beechdale, Fetcham Park, Leatherhead. 615,139.

"ORANJIST"; for powder or syrup for making orange-flavoured beverages (32) (IV). By Clinical Products, Ltd., 2 The Green, Richmond, Surrey. B614,938.

ALTERATION OF THE REGISTER

According to "The Trade Marks Journal," August 6, 1941, leave has been given to Brand & Co., Ltd., to alter marks Nos. 303,834 and 490,086.

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," August 20, 1941)

"TENATINE" and "TENASAN"; for industrial and scientific chemicals and tanning substances (1) (IV). By The Geigy Colour Co., Ltd., National Buildings, Parsonage, Manchester, 3. 614,917 (Associated) and 614,920.

"COLGATE"; for tooth-paste and powder, shaving soap and cream and talc powder (3) (IV). By Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., 105 Hudson Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, U.S.A. 613,233 (Associated).

Closed on Saturdays.—Advertisers and subscribers are reminded that owing to war conditions the Head Office of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, 28 Essex Street, London, W.C.2, is closed on Saturdays until further notice. All urgent instructions relating to advertising and subscriptions should be sent to the C. & D., c/o The Pitman Press, Bath, Somerset.

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A Council of Action

THE alacrity with which the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland has acted in connexion with the strictures passed on one of their members by a coroner provides a lesson which should not be overlooked by chemists and pharmaceutical organisations in this country. As is reported elsewhere in this issue (p. 123), a child who died from diphtheritic ulcer of the tonsils had a short time previously been given treatment by a chemist for a cut on the finger which had turned slightly septic. At the inquest (at which the chemist was not present) the coroner is reported to have said: "I think this boy's death is due to ignorance and the chemist has done wrong. As far as I know it is contrary to the law for a chemist to prescribe or order treatment." The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society at once called a special meeting at which their solicitor read a statement by the chemist concerned and submitted others by the parents of the deceased child and copies of the inquest depositions. Following discussion by members of the Council a resolution was passed expressing the view that the criticism was unjustified and copies were directed to be sent to the coroner and the Home Office. The former has already replied and declares: "My statement that as far as I know the chemist acted contrary to law is based on an Act of 1917, but even permitting that that Act does not apply, . . ." It is not clear to which Act the coroner refers, but he appears to have some doubt as to whether it is applicable. The Apothecaries Act of 1815 laid it down that nothing in the Act was to prejudice or interfere with the trade of chemists and druggists, and since the Shepperley case of 1878 no action has been taken against pharmacists for casual prescribing for simple ailments. Further, in Great Britain their right to do so is safeguarded by the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, and again in the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941. In view of all the issues involved the Northern Ireland Pharmaceutical Council should not let the matter rest without having their members' rights clearly established. Nor do we think they will, as this is not the first occasion on which they have been quick to act in defence of chemists' interests. At their meeting of July 26 there was a vigorous discussion on certain clauses in the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill by which drugs were to be sold in Great Britain without the supervision of a pharmacist. Though this Bill—now an Act—does not apply to Northern Ireland, the Council at once registered protests and decided to draw up a scheme for presenting to their Government with a view to having chemists protected. It is obvious that the Council has no intention of becoming a department of the Civil Service, nor does it carry on its most interesting discussions in committee. Thus it provides members with first-hand information as to what is going on and makes it obvious that there is at least one virile organisation in the pharmaceutical world.

Misguided Economies

DISCUSSING a suggestion that the long, narrow lochs of Scotland should be combed for plankton as a source of vitamins A and D, the Peripatetic Correspondent of the "Lancet" asked, "Is the stuff worth all this trouble?" The question is one which deserves to be asked of many proposed war-time economies and alternatives, not all of which will be found such attractive propositions when wider, secondary considerations are taken into account.

The plankton proposals owe their origin, apparently, to our resourceful and thorough-going enemies, the Germans, who, through their biological institute at Heligoland, discovered that these floating crustacea were equal to the best meat in food value, containing 20 per cent. carbohydrate, 7 to 19 per cent. oily fat, and a high percentage of protein and fat. "Nourishing in fact it is," goes on the commentator we quote above, "for the great orrquals, born 23 feet long, reach a length of 75 feet in only two years from birth. In that time they multiply their birth-weight twenty-seven times, and all on a diet of plankton. . . . But would the British public eat it?" That is the point. It is as a food and not as a medicine that the plankton would have to be utilised if it were to provide fully for the vitamin-A and vitamin-D needs of the population, and how could it be made attractive as a routine item of diet? Even a popular food like liver became a nauseating physic when it was made a routine diet for sufferers from pernicious anaemia, and while the introduction of liver extracts made the régime tolerable to them it is unlikely that people who consider themselves perfectly fit would submit to a similar burden. Even fish every Friday has been known to become regarded with disfavour.

The "Times" has recently published letters criticising or defending the action of a water company in discontinuing to soften the water it supplies to consumers. In this instance the laudable intention of the company was to economise in the use of salt used up in working the base-exchange process. The effect of the policy was to cause a 30 per cent. increase in hardness in the water. To the water company the saving was apparent and considerable, but, urged one of the correspondents, at least $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. more soap per 100 gall. is used up by the harder water than formerly. The housewife can only regard this as loss, for she does not see the advantage that offsets it. Whether the community at large is the gainer by the company's action can in this example be calculated with some degree of accuracy, and this course ought to be taken not only in fairness to the consumer but in furtherance of the country's war effort.

A rather sharper controversy, also in the columns of the "Times," has concerned the use of artificial fertilisers in the soil, or rather the presence or absence of humus. One school of thought quotes the continued satisfactory cropping of cereals at Rothamsted from plots which for nearly a century have had nothing but mineral fertilisers added to them. The other viewpoint is that artificial manures are a great help, but that "if used too freely on light soils they will cause a heavy loss in the years to come." It may be that more research needs to be done to ascertain whether humus performs any function independent of the conservation in the soil of mineral constituents, but for the present the wise course would appear to be to provide adequate humus before applying chemical fertilisers. Otherwise it may be possible to be "pound foolish" without even being "penny wise."

Purchase Tax on Lost or Damaged Goods

SOME misunderstanding appears to exist in the minds of traders regarding refund of purchase tax on goods lost or damaged in transit, and the effect of such refunds on claims for compensation made on the carriers of the goods. The position is as follows: Where chargeable goods sold under a chargeable purchase by a registered wholesaler or manufacturer to an independent unregistered customer are lost or damaged while in transit between the seller and his customer, and the registered seller under the terms of his contract or guarantee allows the customer a *bona-fide* credit or a free replacement in respect of the lost or damaged goods, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise allow a corresponding adjustment in the purchase tax payable by the seller on the transaction, e.g. if a full credit is allowed then the seller does not have to pay any purchase tax on that particular sale, and in such cases claims for compensation should accordingly not be affected by any question of tax. On the other hand, if the seller makes no allowance to his customer in respect of the lost or damaged goods, then he is required to pay the full tax on the transaction. In this type of case, where the supplier requires payment by the customer of the full tax-paid price including the purchase tax which he has to pay to the Commissioners, the customer may be expected to claim compensation from the carrier on a tax-inclusive value. It should be appreciated that the question of the basis of compensation for loss or damage to goods in transit is a matter for agreement between the parties concerned.

TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations recorded for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represent the prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not include marine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable in the present emergency.

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WHILE there has been no marked improvement in the volume of business transacted this week, the markets are by no means idle. The general tone is steady, some appreciations in value being recorded. Among PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMICALS values for most items are level, with a firm tone. In the absence of any improvement in the supply position of BENZOIC ACID, prices remain nominal. BENZYL BENZOATE is still reserved for medical purposes only. GUAIACOLS are in fairly heavy demand, though the supply position seems to have deteriorated. The quantity of METHYL SALICYLATE available to consumers is reduced owing to the cut in phenol, but supplies seem reasonably adequate for present needs.

Crude Drugs

These markets are quiet, with most of the orders for small quantities of spot goods. Prices remain firm, with an upward movement still in evidence. Unrestricted AGAR continues to change hands at high prices. There are still no forward offers for CURAÇAO ALOES. ANTIMONY is dearer on account of increased prices for ore. BALSAM COPAIBA remains in short supply, and quotations are at higher levels. Demand for BISMUTH METAL is maintained. A slightly higher figure is quoted for BUCHU LEAVES on spot, with business reported done; stocks at origin are becoming depleted. No shipment offers of CASCARA SAGRADA are obtainable. Little interest has been shown in CHILLIES, but Zanzibar Cloves is quoted a shade higher on spot. Demand for good rotenone-testing DERRIS ROOT is maintained. All descriptions of GINGER are firm. As noted last week, official prices are now established for first-hand, wholesale, and retail transactions in HONEY. The upward swing in Chinese MENTHOL is less pronounced. Maximum prices have been fixed by the Ministry of Food for PEPPERS, but business on the London market is practically at a standstill. Import licences are apparently not being granted for SENEGA; the shipment figure is nominal.

Essential Oils

Business in these markets has remained quiet, with sales confined to limited quantities. The Ministry of Food announces that there will be no changes in the existing prices of oils and fats allocated to primary wholesalers and large trade users for the four weeks ending September 27. The price of PALM OIL (acid oil), which was stated last month to be under consideration (*C. & D.*, August 9, p. 74), is to remain unchanged. Supplies of ANISE (STAR) remain short and values have again increased. Holders of CINNAMON LEAF are unyielding in their views of the current value. EUCALYPTUS is steady at the figures quoted last week. Supplies of MANDARIN are restricted, and spot prices would have to be negotiated. No further offers of PEPPERMINT have been received from China.

Exchange Rates on London.—The free rate of the Shanghai dollar is now 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., although the Shanghai official rate remains at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The following Bank of England fixed rates were effective at the opening on September 3: New York, 4.03 dollars; Montreal, 4.45 dollars; Lisbon, 100 escudos; Java, 7.60 florins; Buenos Aires, 17.02 paper pesos; Zurich, 17.35 francs; Stockholm, 16.90 kroner. The Madrid rate is 40.50 pesetas (official) and 46.55 (voluntary).

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

BENZOIC ACID (B.P.).—In restricted supply, with prices nominal at from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. per lb., according to quantity. **SODIUM BENZOATE.**—In poor supply and nominal at about 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per lb.

BENZYL BENZOATE.—About 4s. 6d. to 5s. per lb. would be makers' nominal price; supplies are available for medical purposes only.

BROMIDES.—Makers' prices are unchanged, as follows: Potassium, B.P., 5 cwt., 2s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 1 cwt., 2s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 28 lb., 3s. 4d.; 14 lb., 3s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 7 lb., 3s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 4 lb., 3s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 1 lb., 3s. 11d. Sodium, one penny per lb., and ammonium, three pence per lb. extra. War-emergency clause and usual re-sale terms apply.

GUAIACOLS.—Demand has been fairly heavy, but supplies, particularly of the liquid, are rather more difficult. CARBONATE and CRYSTALS are both quoted at from 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb., according to quantity.

IODIDES, ETC.—Makers' prices are steady: POTASSIUM IODIDE, B.P.—112 lb., 8s. 8d.; 28 lb., 9s. 2d.; 14 lb., 9s. 8d.; 7 lb., 11s.; 4 lb., 11s. 6d.; smaller quantities, 12s. per lb. SODIUM IODIDE, B.P.—28 lb., 9s. 6d.; 14 lb., 10s.; 7 lb., 11s. 7d.; 4 lb., 12s. 3d.; smaller quantities, 13s. 1d. per lb. IODOFORM, B.P.—28 lb., 12s. 1d.; 14 lb., 12s. 7d.; 7 lb., 14s. 9d.; 4 lb., 15s. 7d.; smaller quantities, 16s. 5d. per lb. IODINE RESUBLIMED, B.P.—112 lb., 9s. 11d.; 28 lb., 10s. 5d.; 14 lb., 10s. 11d.; 7 lb., 12s. 6d.; 4 lb., 13s. 2d.; smaller quantities, 13s. 11d. per lb.

METHYL SALICYLATE.—While supplies are reduced owing to the smaller quantity of phenol available, the position seems satisfactory to meet present needs. Makers' prices are as follows: Five cwt., 1s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.; one cwt., 1s. 9d.; smaller quantities, in bottles, 1s. 11d. per lb.

PHENOLPHTHALEIN.—Makers' prices are: Less than 7 lb., 4s. 2d.; 7 lb., 4s. 1d.; 14 lb., 4s.; 28 lb., 3s. 11d.; one cwt., 3s. 10d. per lb.

SALICYLIC ACID (B.P.).—Steady at makers' prices: 5 cwt., 1s. 8d. per lb.; 1 cwt., 1s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 28 lb., 2s. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., in 28 lb. parcels; 14 lb., 2s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 7 lb., 2s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 4 lb., 2s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Can be assorted with sodium salicylate.

SALOL.—Dealers would require about 9s. per lb. for spot supplies.

SODIUM BARBITONE.—Firm. Dealers quote at about 32s. to 35s. per lb., according to quantity.

VANILLIN.—Makers state that supplies are restricted to consumers in proportion to previous purchases. Ex clove oil or guaiacol, five cwt., 19s. 3d. per lb.; one cwt., 19s. 6d.; 56 lb., 19s. 9d.; less than 56 lb., 20s., carriage paid in U.K. Tins in cases returnable.

Crude Drugs

ACONITE ROOT.—Some Japanese is available on spot at about 215s. per cwt., ex store. Indian, if available, would be worth about 1s. 7d. per lb.

AGAR.—Demand is good for unrestricted material, which is changing hands at around 28s. per lb., with possible further supplies at this figure. Small lots for medicinal use would be worth about 22s., and for bacteriological use only, about 17s. to 18s. per lb. would be required. All the above prices refer to Kobe No. 1 material.

ALOES.—The demand for the Curaçao variety remains steady but unfulfilled, as stocks are non-existent; prices are nominal. No replies have been received to offers sent to origin.

ANTIMONY.—English regulus, as noted last week, has now reached level of £110 per ton, delivered, as the result of a recent upward tendency in ore values demand at the new figure appears to be considerable. The price of foreign regulus has risen to £100 10s. per ton, duty paid. Chinese is nominal.

BALSAMS.—The scarcity of *Copaiba*, B.P., continues, with spot prices at about 5s. 9d. per lb. *Tolu* is available on spot at about 8s. 6d. per lb. *Canada* at about 7s. 9d. per lb., and *Peru* at around 7s. 3d. to 7s. 6d. per lb.

BELLADONNA.—Indian root and leaves are quoted forward at about 350s. per cwt., c.i.f.; some afloat material is reported offered at 5s. per lb. landed and duty paid.

BISMUTH METAL.—Demand is fair at the current price of one dollar 25 cents per lb., for minimum 5-cwt. lots.

BUCHU.—A few spot parcels are reported sold, and good green round would now be worth about 3s. 2d. to 3s. 3d. per lb. Shipment price remains at about 2s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb. for f.a.q., but stocks are stated to be short a source; new-crop will not be available until early next year.

CAMPHOR.—Although the demand for Japanese is good, available supplies appear to be limited to a few odd cases in second hands offering at around 6s. 9d. to 7s. 9d. per lb. English refined, steady as follows: Flowers, one cwt., 7s.; 28 lb., 7s. 3d.; less than 28 lb., 7s. 6d. per lb. Transparent tablets, 4-oz.: one cwt., 7s. 6d.; 28 lb., 7s. 9d.; less than 28 lb., 8s. per lb.

CARDAMOMS.—Spot, Mangalore seed, 5s. 3d. per lb. paid, stocks being now exhausted; Aleppy, 5s. 3d. paid, and 5s. 6d. now asked; Aleppy greens, 5s. paid, sellers now asking 5s. 3d.; Ceylon, 5s. 3d. paid, with sellers at this figure. Shipment, cords quoted at 4s. 6d.; green Aleppy, 4s. 9d.; Mangalore seed, 4s. 6d.; Aleppy, 4s. 9d.; black A, 6s. to 6s. 3d., according to seller; black B, 5s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f.

CASCARA SAGRADA.—Spot values remain firm, with available supplies small; quotations are at around 150s. per cwt., duty paid. There are no offers of shipment peel.

CHILLIES.—In good demand, with business rather restricted. Spot, Mombasa, 165s. per cwt., sellers; Sierra Leone, 165s.; and Sudan, 165s.

CLOVES.—Firm, with Zanzibar quoted a shade higher on spot at 2s. 2d. per lb.; grade 2, afloat, 1s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb., buyers, c.i.f.; Madagascar, in bond, unquoted.

COCOA BUTTER.—The maximum price is fixed at 1s. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb., ex factory or warehouse, except under Ministry of Food licence.

COCONUT (DESICCATED).—The maximum price is fixed by a Ministry of Food Order at 49s. per cwt.

COLCHICUM.—Small supplies of Indian are reported available on spot at approximately 3s. per lb.

COLOCYNTH.—Some inquiry is noted for spot material, but supplies are difficult to find. Holders require around 3s. 6d. per lb. for fine white pulp.

DANDELION ROOT.—Some supplies of Indian root, recently to hand, are quoted at about 155s. per cwt. on spot.

DERRIS ROOT.—Inquiry has been fair, especially for good rotenone-testing root, which, however, is in rather poor supply. Spot prices are as follows: 4-5 per cent. rotenone, about 1s. 4d. per lb.; lower testing material about 1s. 3d. per lb.; 15-9 per cent. ether extract, tested, about 1s. 1d. per lb.; and 17-9 per cent., about 1s. 2d. per lb.

ERGOT.—The spot value of Portuguese remains at about 8s. 6d. per lb.; shipment, new-crop, about 6s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f.

GAMBOGE.—Spot supplies are poor, and quotations are nominal at approximately £30 per cwt.; shipment offers are unobtainable.

GINGER.—All descriptions are firm. West African, spot, dearer at 175s. per cwt., buyers; afloat, 152s. 6d., buyers, c.i.f. Cochin, unwashed, afloat, unchanged at 150s., c.i.f.

GUM ACACIA.—The spot value of Kordofan cleaned sorts is now in the region of 165s. to 170s. per cwt., nominal; shipment, about 70s. per cwt., c.i.f.; bleached, spot, from 320s.

HONEY.—First-hand, wholesale and retail prices for imported honey and maximum retail prices for home-produced honey are now fixed by a Ministry of Food Order. For official prices, see *C. & D.*, August 30, p. 119.

IPECACUANHA.—Fair business is passing. Matto Grosso, spot, firm at about 18s. per lb.; shipment, in the region of 15s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f. Minas, spot, about 12s. per lb.; shipment, about 10s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f. Prices of EXT. IPECAC. LIQ. are now as follows: B.P., 1932, under three winchester quarts, 26s. per lb.; three winchester quarts and under six winchester quarts, 25s. 6d.; six winchester quarts and under twelve winchester quarts, 25s.; twelve winchester quarts and over, 24s. 6d. per lb. B.P., 1914, under three winchester quarts, 24s. per lb.; three winchester quarts and under six winchester quarts, 23s. 6d.; six winchester quarts and under twelve winchester quarts, 23s.; twelve winchester quarts and over, 22s. 6d. per lb., all prices net.

MENTHOL.—Chinese remains firm and in fair demand, with business reported passing at 50s. to 52s. 6d. per lb. Forward position unchanged, quotations being in the region of 39s. to 40s. per lb., c.i.f.

ORANGE PEEL.—Some sweet, in ribbons, is available on spot at about 2s. 2d. per lb., duty paid, ex store. Bitter quarters would be worth approximately 2s. 6d. per lb., and thin-cut, if available, about 4s. per lb.

PEPPERS.—An Order has now been made fixing maximum prices for peppers, to come into force on the following dates: Sales to processors and wholesalers, September 1; sales to retailers and manufacturers of other products, October 1; sales by retail and sales of less than 28 lb. to manufacturers of other products, November 1. The sale of pepper otherwise than by weight is prohibited, except in containers authorised by the Ministry. Authorised containers are limited to two sizes of cardboard packages not less than 4 oz. and 1 oz., respectively. The sale of whole pepper which has not been picked over and cleaned is prohibited except to a processor. The licensing of processors is under consideration. Maximum prices are as follows:—

Description	To processor or wholesaler	To retailer or on sale of 28 lb. or more to manufacturer	By retail or on sale of less than 28 lb. to manufacturer
1. Whole white, not picked over or cleaned...	8d. in bond	—	—
2. Whole black, not picked over or cleaned...	5d. "	—	—
3. Whole white, picked over or cleaned ..	1s. 1d., "	1s. 4½d., "	2s., "
	duty paid	duty paid	duty paid
4. Whole black, picked over or cleaned ..	8½d., "	1s., "	1s. 8d., "
5. Ground white, sold by net weight ..	1s. 4½d., "	1s. 8d., "	2s. 8d., "
6. Ground black, sold by net weight ..	9d., "	1s. 0½d., "	1s. 4d., "
	Per doz. containers, duty paid		Per container, duty paid
7. Ground white, sold otherwise than by net weight.			
(a) In authorised containers containing 4 oz. or more of pepper	5s. 9d.	6s. 5d.	9½d.
(b) In authorised containers containing not less than 1 oz., but less than 4 oz. of pepper	2s. 1½d.	2s. 4d.	3½d.
8. Ground black, sold otherwise than by net weight:			
(a) In authorised containers containing 4 oz. or more of pepper	3s. 9d.	4s. 5d.	6½d.
(b) In authorised containers containing not less than 1 oz. but less than 4 oz. of pepper	1s. 6d.	1s. 8½d.	2½d.

On a sale of less than five tons of pepper specified in items 3, 4, 5 or 6, in the first column, maximum prices specified in second column may be increased by 1d. per lb.

PIMENTO.—Quiet and unchanged. Spot, about 2s. 1d. per lb., sellers; shipment, new-crop, 170s. per cwt., sellers, c.i.f.

PYRETHRUM.—Dealers would require about 175s. to 185s. per cwt. for Kenya flowers, ex store. It is understood that prices to importers of large quantities would be at appropriately lower prices.

QUASSIA CHIPS.—Supplies are poor, and dealers' prices are firm at about 42s. 6d. per cwt., ex store.

QUILLAI BARK.—Stocks in this country are negligible, but further supplies are expected shortly. Spot, about 130s. per cwt., nominal.

RHUBARB.—Demand continues fair, and prices are steady at previous levels. Spot, rough-round, between 5s. 9d. to 6s. 6d. per lb., according to quality and soundness; rough-coat flat high-dried, about 6s. 9d. to 7s. per lb. Forward offers are still made, without guarantee of freight being available, at about 4s. 4½d. to 5s. per lb., c.i.f. Shensi, spot, about 8s. 9d. to 9s. per lb., according to quality.

RUBBER.—Quiet, official quotations unchanged. Official quotations for standard ribbed smoked sheet are as follows: Spot, 13½d., buyers; 13½d., sellers; shipment, September–December, 13½d., buyers; 13½d., sellers; January–March, 13½d., buyers; 13½d., sellers.

SEEDS.—**ANISE.**—Bulgarian or Turkish, spot, duty paid, 155s. **CANARY.**—Nothing available on spot. **CARAWAY.**—Spot, Dutch, 300s., duty paid, nominal. **CORIANDER.**—Indian, spot, 155s., duty free; English, 170s., duty free; Morocco, 165s., duty paid, nominal. **CUMIN.**—Malta, spot, 155s., duty free; Indian, 150s., duty free; Morocco, 155s., duty paid, nominal. **DILL.**—Indian, spot, 95s., duty free. **FENNEL.**—Indian, spot, 87s. 6d., duty free; Iran, quoted at 85s., duty paid. **FENUGREEK.**—Morocco, spot, 60s., duty paid, ex store Liverpool; Indian, 55s., duty free, ex store Hull. **MUSTARD.**—English, 107s. 6d. to 118s., as to quality.

SENEGA.—Supply position remains difficult. Shipment value would be in the region of 5s. per lb., c.i.f., but import licences are apparently not being granted. Spot material would be worth approximately 5s. 6d. to 5s. 9d. per lb.

SENNA.—Firm and unchanged. Tinnevely, spot, supply small. No. 1 leaves, 10d. per lb.; No. 2 leaves, 6½d.; No. 3 leaves, 5d. per lb. Hand-picked Tinnevely pods, if available, about 1s. 6d. per lb.; manufacturing pods, 9d. to 10d. per lb. Alexandrian hand-picked pods, a few small lots available at 4s. to 7s. 6d. per lb.; manufacturing quality, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 9d.

SHELLAC.—Quiet, with spot and forward values about unchanged. Standard TN orange, spot, 162s. 6d. per cwt., sellers; fine orange, 175s. to 210s.; pure button, 195s. per cwt. Shipment, TN, 156s. per cwt., sellers, c.i.f.

STRAMONIUM LEAVES.—Indian would be worth approximately 105s. per cwt., spot.

TAMARINDS.—West Indian, spot, about 57s. 6d. per cwt., duty paid. Supplies are limited.

TRAGACANTH.—Spot quotations for medium grades are unchanged, as follows: No. 1, white, £145; No. 2, white, £130; No. 3, white, £110; pale leaf, £90; amber leaf, £65; red leaf, from £30; woody and hoggy, from £10 to £17, ex store.

TURMERIC.—Madras finger, spot, sold at 80s.

VALERIAN ROOT.—Indian, quoted on spot at approximately 150s., per cwt., ex store.

WAXES.—Steady, with values about unchanged. **BEES'.**—Spot, 250s.; in bond, 225s.; Dar-es-Salaam, nominal at 210s. Japanese, first three brands, spot, duty paid, 205s. **CARNAUBA.**—Spot, fatty grey, 435s.; chalky grey, 430s.; Primeira, 535s.

Essential and Expressed Oils

ANISE (STAR).—Supplies are short, and prices continue to rise. Spot, tins in cases, about 21s. per lb.; drums, about 20s. per lb.

BAY.—Unchanged but quiet. Spot values would be in the region of 8s. to 9s. per lb., ex store.

BOIS DE ROSE.—Inquiries are numerous, but spot stocks are limited. Values would be about 18s. 6d. per lb.

CAJUPUT.—Firm, but unchanged. Spot holders would require about 8s. per lb., ex store.

CANANGA.—Although business is limited, spot prices are firm at approximately 32s. 6d. to 37s. 6d. per lb.

CEDARWOOD.—The spot price of American remains firm and unchanged at between 3s. 3d. and 3s. 6d. per lb., according to quantity.

CINNAMON LEAF.—Demand is small, but spot prices are maintained at about 8s. per lb.

CLOVE.—Makers of English, B.P., quote at about 16s. per lb.

EUCALYPTUS.—Shows no change, with spot quotations steady at about 4s. to 4s. 6d. per lb. (70 to 75 per cent.), according to holder, and about 4s. 6d. to 4s. 9d. per lb. (80 to 85 per cent.).

GERANIUM.—Little business is passing, and prices of both Bourbon and Algerian are nominal.

GROUNDNUT.—The official price of large bulk quantities of refined deodorised is unchanged at £40 per ton, naked ex works.

JUNIPER BERRY.—Quiet and unchanged. Dealers' quotations are in the region of 30s. per lb. for small quantities, ex store.

LAVENDER.—A little business is passing, and the price of good-quality oil is steady at about 80s. per lb.

LEMONGRASS.—Last week's spot quotation of 14s. to 15s. per lb., according to quantity, is maintained.

LIME.—Supplies of genuine West Indian are restricted, but spot values are unchanged at about 32s. to 34s. per lb.

LINSEED.—Controlled price of £41 10s. per ton for large bulk quantities of crude, naked ex works, is unchanged. Distributors' prices for ordinary quantities would be higher.

MANDARIN.—Supplies are restricted, and spot prices would be a matter for negotiation.

MUSTARD.—The price of British-made synthetic remains unchanged at about 20s. per lb.

NUTMEG.—Supplies of good-quality oil are severely restricted and would be worth about 26s. to 28s. per lb.

ORANGE.—There is no further change in the shipment price of Californian sweet which at present shows a lay-down cost of 10s. 6d. per lb. Prices of Rhodesian and other grades would be a matter for negotiation, about 30s. per lb. being mentioned as a suitable basis.

PALMAROSA.—Firm, with spot oil quoted at about 32s. 6d. per lb.

PATCHOULI.—Spot prices of both Singapore and Seychelles oils would have to be negotiated, with about 50s. per lb. as a basis.

PEPPERMINT.—No further offers have been received from China. Spot prices remain at between 50s. and 52s. 6d. per lb., according to brand and seller.

PETITGRAIN.—Spot values are nominal at approximately 18s. 6d. per lb.

SANDALWOOD.—Genuine East Indian Mysore, in one-case lots, is quoted at 25s. per lb.

SASSAFRAS.—Genuine natural oil is quoted at about 14s. per lb.

SPEARMINT.—Spot supplies of American oil, if available, would be worth around 22s. 6d. per lb.

THYME.—Quiet and steady. Spot, about 14s. per lb. for good-quality, with other grades at lower prices.

WINTERGREEN (GENUINE).—Dealers would require about 11s. 6d. to 14s. per lb. for spot supplies.

WORMSEED.—Unchanged on spot at about 23s. per lb.

FOURTH ADDENDUM TO B.P.

THE General Medical Council will publish shortly a Fourth Addendum to the British Pharmacopœia, 1932, in which certain new monographs, and certain modifications of existing monographs, will be included. Like the Second and Third Addenda, the Addendum has been prepared to deal with conditions arising from the present emergency, and it is expedient that it should be published, and thus made official, without delay. For this reason it has not been found possible to follow the procedure adopted in normal conditions, when a new Pharmacopœia or an Addendum to a Pharmacopœia has been ready for publication, of giving facilities for advance copies to be inspected during the three months immediately preceding publication, by medical practitioners, pharmacists, analysts, manufacturers and others who may be interested. Arrangements have been made, however, for a limited number of advance proofs to be available for supply, on application, to manufacturers of the preparations described therein. The following new monographs will be included in the Addendum:—

Acidum Mandelicum	Morphinæ Sulphas
Acidum Nicotinicum	Pamaquinum
Benzylis Benzoas	Paraffinum Liquidum Leve
Bismuthi Subgallas	Phenylhydrargyri Nitras
Digoxinum	Proflavinæ Sulphas
Ephedrina	Sodii Metabisulphis
Injectio Calcii Gluconatis	Sodii Morrhuas
Injectio Nikethanidi	Sodii Sulphas Exsiccatus
Injectio Procainæ et Adrenalinæ	Sulphanilamidum
Injectio Quininae et Urethani	Suraminum
Injectio Sodii Morrhuatiss	Unguentum Hamamelidis
Liquor Sodii Hydroxidi	Unguentum Hydrargyri Dilutum
Magnesium Trisilicas	Urethanum

The addendum will also contain certain monographs, or amendments to monographs, of the British Pharmacopœia, 1932, which became official by virtue of notices in the London, Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin "Gazettes" of February 28, 1941. These refer to:—

Sodii Lactas	Oxymel Scillæ
Urginea	Scilla
Valeriana Indica	Tinctura Scillæ
Acetum Scillæ	Tinctura Valerianæ Ammoniata
Cataplasma Kaolini	Valeriana
Mepacrinæ Hydrochloridum	

and emendations to the following monographs, which will become official on the date of publication of the Fourth Addendum:—

Aquæ Aromatica	Injectio Bismuthi Oxyschloridi
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Aqua Chloroformi	Injectio Hydrargyri
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Aqua Menthae Piperitæ Concentrata	Injectio Mersalyli
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Infusum Digitalis Recens	Tinctura Cardamomi Composita
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Infusum Senegæ Recens	Unguentum Acidi Tannici
Infusum Sennæ Recens	Unguentum Hydrargyri
Injectio Bismuthi	

Revised Appendices relevant to the monographs named above will be included. No additional monograph, or emendation of a monograph, is official until the Fourth Addendum has been published. Manufacturers interested in the production of articles named above are invited to apply to the Secretary, British Pharmacopœia Commission, University College Hospital Medical School, University Street, London, W.C.1, for advance copies of the monographs.

Reiner, M.—*Manual of Clinical Chemistry*. 5 in. × 7½ in. Pp. 296. Interscience Publishers, Inc., New York (H. K. Lewis & Co., Ltd., 136 Gower Street, London, W.C.1). 18s.

[This extremely useful laboratory manual contains within small compass a wealth of information of value to chemists and physicians in the correlation of routine analyses and clinical observations. The purpose of the manual is to present at least one biological method for every contingency, and those methods that combine accuracy with simplicity have been selected. Among the methods given are those for analysis of blood, urine, cerebro-spinal fluid and gastric contents. Other chapters deal with toxicological and function tests, sex hormones and vitamins.]

CORRESPONDENCE

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Appreciation.—Enclosed is my subscription for the *C. & D.* "Investment" appears to me a more accurate term, as I consider one cannot be kept fully informed on trade matters without this reliable and excellent publication.—*J. A., Glasgow.*

A Pricing Dilemma.—In calculating retail prices (see *C. & D.*, August 30, p. 112) the retail chemist is often faced with unpleasant alternatives. Under the Prices of Goods Act, he must work out his percentage of increased expenses and the profit he made on the same article before the Act, and add these to his new cost price to obtain the correct selling figure. Frequently, however, he is unaware of the cost which must be the basis of his calculations, because the practice of sending the invoice with the goods is no longer followed. In war-time conditions invoices do not arrive until some time after the goods—even as much as a month later. It may be argued that the chemist should hold the goods until he receives the invoice, but in practice he cannot always do this. If he bases his charge on the latest wholesale price list he may find when the invoice eventually arrives the cost has gone up and he has lost on the transaction. Yet he must not guess at any increase, for if he were to add a margin to cover a possible rise he might become involved in a prosecution. As one solution of the problem he might supply the customer with the goods, and ask him to call back in a month to get the correct price, but the possibility is that, unless he knew the person very well as a safe customer, he might never receive payment.—*Bewilderer (30/8).*

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES

We do not undertake to analyse and report upon proprietary articles nor to publish supposed formulas for them

Castellani's Paint.—*H. H. & Co. (11/8).*—The formula you have in mind is as follows:—

Saturated alcoholic solution of basic fuchsine	10 c.c.
Aqueous carbolic acid solution (5 per cent.)	100 c.c.

Filter and add:—

Boric acid	1 gm.
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After two hours add:—

Acetone	5 c.c.
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Castellani's Foot Paste.—The following is the formula you refer to:—

Carbolic acid	1 gm.
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Soft paraffin	100 gm.

Wart Remover.—*L. M. B. (6/8).*—A modern formula is as follows:—

Lactic acid	4.0
Salicylic acid	5.0
Trichloroacetic acid	2.0
Collodion	89.0

Moreau's Solution.—*T. L. (11/8).*—The following formula is taken from "Pharmaceutical Formulas," Vol. I, and is probably the preparation you have in mind:—

Thymic acid	2 gm.
Crystallised guaiacol	4 gm.
Olive oil	100 c.c.

Sterilise by heating for twenty minutes to 100°C. on three consecutive days. The solution is used as an intramuscular injection in bronchitis, 1-10 c.c. being given during twenty-four hours.

Black Currant Cough Mixture.—*E. S. & Co. (19/8).*—The formula you refer to (*P.F.* 330) is as follows:—

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Syr. rheados aa	3vj.
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Syr. ribes nig. aa	3iij.

Dose.—One teaspoonful for a child of seven.

Spotted Wilt on Tomatoes.—*W. L. (26/8).*—Although this virus mainly attacks tomato plants grown in glasshouses, it is occasionally found on plants reared in the open. The disease may infect tomato plants at almost any stage of their development and is characterised by a bronzing of the younger foliage following the formation of irregular brown blotches on the leaves. The upper leaves also tend to curl and growth of the plants becomes arrested and remains dwarfed. The bronze-coloured markings also appear on the leaves of new shoots. The fruit of infected plants usually becomes disfigured with bronze, yellow or whitish markings or concentric circles. Spotted wilt is carried from many cultivated and wild plants to the tomato plant by a species of thrips, a small glasshouse insect. It is also believed that infection might be conveyed from one tomato plant to another by the hands or knives of gardeners during pruning of the plants. Although there is no cure for spotted wilt, the disease can be controlled. Affected plants and weeds should be destroyed, and the thrips can be kept in check either by fumigation with nicotine or by spraying with a nicotine solution (97-98 per cent. nicotine, ½ fl. oz.; soft soap, ½ lb.; soft water, 10 gall.) or a preparation of pyrethrum. Further details are given in an illustrated leaflet published by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Advisory Leaflet No. 238, H.M. Stationery Office, price 1d.).

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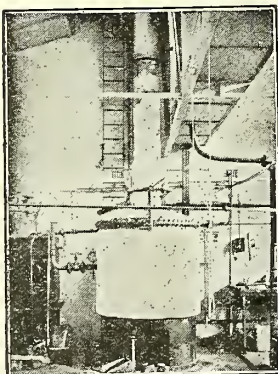
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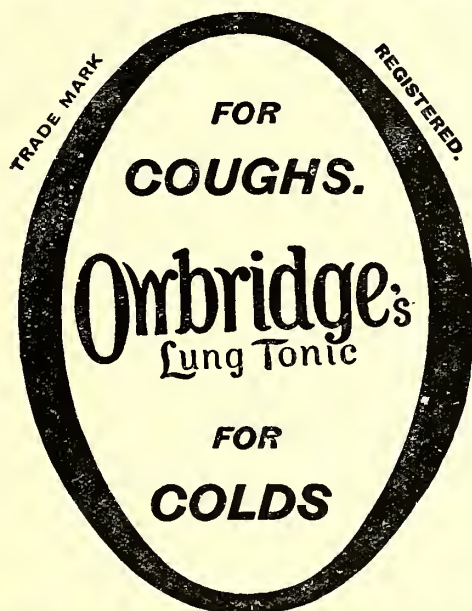
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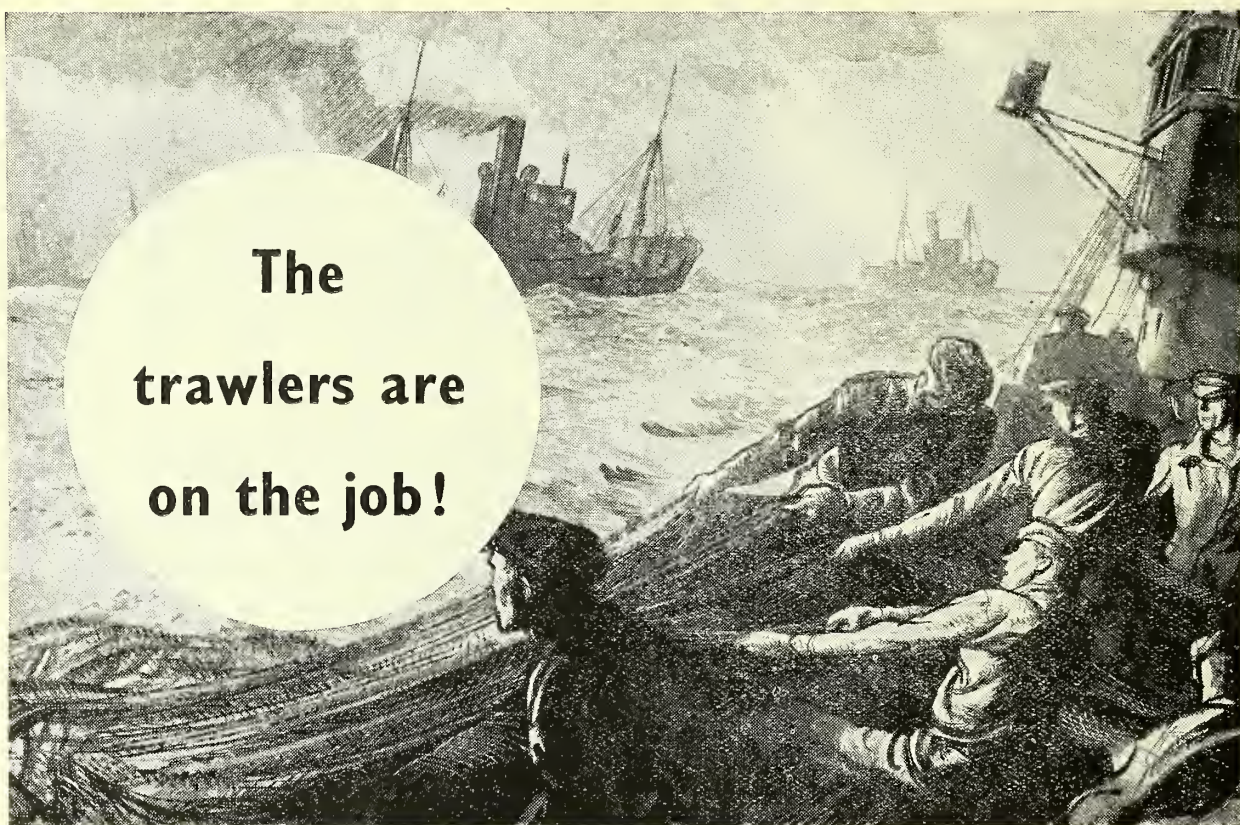
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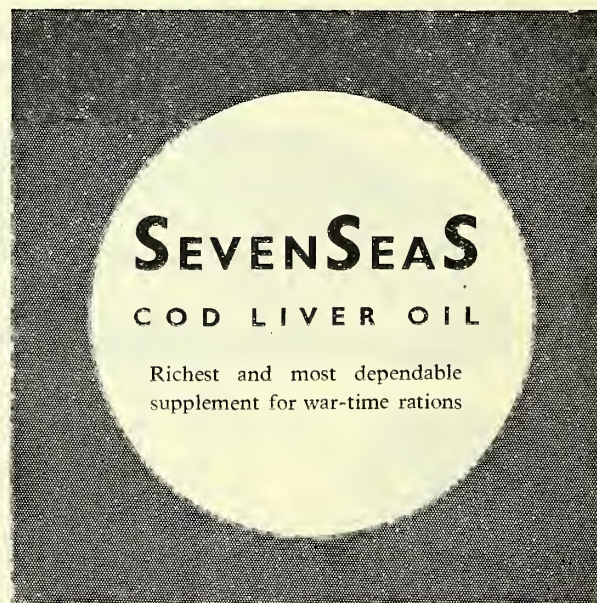
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LINCOLN Co-operative Society, Ltd., Free School Lane, Lincoln, require Chemist-Optician, or Chemist (Qualified), Male or Female, for duration. Applications, stating age, wage required, and experience, to reach the Secretary not later than September 10, 1941.

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UNQUALIFIED Lady Assistant (or exempt man) required for Dispensing and Counter in family business. Apply personally, letter, or contact by phone. Nettle's Pharmacy, 18 Upper Tooting Road, S.W.17. Streatham 2524.

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COMMISSION Salesmen wanted at once: (a) one in Yorkshire; (b) one in Scotland. Exclusive representation of nationally advertised wide range of toilet and medicated preparations offered by manufacturers seeking more intensive distribution. Permanent post right applicants. Only first-class men with outstanding sales records and established chemists' connexions need apply. Write stating age, full details, experience, lines at present carried and if own car. 387/223, London Office of this Paper.

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LATE NEWS

Works Celebration.—Employees of Jeffreys, Miller & Co., Ltd., the Sea Chemical Co., Ltd., and Irona Products, Ltd., were present at the wedding of Miss Marjorie Hampson to Flying Officer H. S. Armitage (see p. 122). They were entertained to luncheon at the works' canteen, and afterwards went by motor to Blackpool for the rest of the day.

Trade Report

CANTHARIDES.—Business is of little consequence, and values are steady. Not much Chinese is available, and the price is about 7s. to 7s. 3d. per lb. on spot. There are no supplies of Russian.

DAMIANA LEAVES.—Spot supplies are exhausted, and quotations are nominal. New stocks may be expected towards the end of the year, subject to import licences being granted and freight being available.

PHOTOCOPIC CHEMICALS.—Makers announce an alteration in the prices of PYROGALLIC ACID, for which prices are now as follows: CRYSTALS, 1 cwt., 12s. 6d.; 56 lb., 12s. 9d.; 28 lb., 13s. 3d., all net; 14 lb., 14s. 3d.; 7 lb., 15s. 3d.; under 7 lb., 16s. per lb., all 2½ per cent. monthly account. Small quantities, 1 lb., 16s. 6d.; 8 oz., 9s. 2d.; 4 oz., 5s.; 1 oz., 1s. 10d. RESUBLIMED—28 lb., 15s. net; 14 lb., 15s. 9d.; 7 lb., 16s. 9d.; under 7 lb., 17s. 6d. per lb.; all less 2½ per cent. monthly account. Small quantities, 1 lb., 18s.; 8 oz., 9s. 10d.; 4 oz., 5s. 8d.; 1 oz., 2s. 2d.

New Prices for Proprietaries

(See also pp. 124 and 125)

Firm	Product	Size	Price per doz. to retailer	Purchase tax per doz.	Inclusive retail price
International Chemical Co., Ltd.	Bitrate of tar	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
	Blood-Iron Phosphate	24 0	4 0	4 0	2 10
	Dr. King's pills (large)	24 0	4 0	4 0	2 10
	Dr. King's pills (small)	24 0	4 0	4 0	2 10
Kay Bros., Ltd.	Vogeler's compound (small)	9 6	1 7	1 7	1 1½
	Kay's linseed compound	11 3	1 10½	1 10½	1 5
	Kay's tic pills	27 0	4 6	4 6	3 5
	Kay's mountain-flax pills	11 3	1 10½	1 10½	1 5
	Laxopru laxative fruit syrup	27 0	4 6	4 6	3 5
	Kayfold compound linseed tablets	11 3	1 10½	1 10½	1 5
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FOR SALE

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LIMITED supply of Shampoo Powder, good selling line. Attractive packets 2s. 6d. per doz.; 24s. per gross. Cash with order, post free. 387/225, London Office of this Paper.

ONE Ton of Zinc Oxide B.P.; offers wanted for whole or part quantity. Also Earthenware Bed Pans, slipper and round (seconds), suitable for hospitals. Chemist, 100 Bury Old Road, Manchester, 8.

SPECIAL OFFER. Clearance Unwrapped Lipstick Refills, dark and medium, £2 10s. per gross (also few drugs, first offer secures). Buyer please collect West London. 387/227, London Office of this Paper.

7½d. LIPSTICKS, Surplus Stock of 20 gross. Each one Carded and in a War-time Case. Sample 3 dozen, carriage paid, 15s. cash with order. 39 Erskine Road, Sutton, Surrey.

BUSINESSES FOR DISPOSAL

MIDLANDS. Not slightest war damage. £200, complete stock, for immediate sale (or £220 by instalments). All fixtures and trade utensils included in rent, £65. Rates extra. Age retirement. Chance in a lifetime. Nice shop. Good trade. Living accommodation. CDB/721, London Office of this Paper.

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OBSERVATIONS ON PHARMACY AND MEDICINES ACT

THE following communications, representing individual points of view on aspects of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act have been received from (a) a manufacturer and (b) an employee.

From a Manufacturer

SIR,—Enactment of the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill, 1941, has provided a topic for debate of which you evidently appreciate the seriousness. One query is whether the Act is to be read in conjunction with the Prices of Goods Act, 1939, so that proprietaries which have hitherto been stamped but are now compulsorily destamped are to be made amendable to the pains and penalties of the latter if they do not reduce their prices on account of the facility afforded by repeal of the stamp duties. This "facility" was stressed by several private Members during the Bill's progress through Parliament, when the demand was made that proprietors should be barred from acquiring any financial benefit through the repeal. But can this attitude be legally justified? In your Editorial comment of August 9 (p. 71) you quote a statement by Mr. Stanley Holmes to the effect that "under the Prices of Goods Act neither manufacturers, wholesalers nor retailers can make any more profit on any article than they made in August 1939, and therefore, any saving as the result of the repeal would have to be passed on." It is a pity that Mr. Holmes substituted for the actual words of the Act, namely, "raise the prices of goods . . . above a basic price" the expression "make any more profit on any article."

The Prices of Goods Act, 1939, was "An Act to prevent the price of goods of such descriptions as may be specified by the Board of Trade being raised above a basic price. . . ." Is there any justification for the assumption that omission to reduce prices, when some factor such as the stamp-duty repeal renders proprietary owners liable to be called in question for not doing so, as though this were equivalent to raising prices within the meaning of the Act? Is there, in fact, any jurisdiction in the Price Regulation Committees (central and local) to hear (in its strictest legal annotation) such complaints? Would not the power to treat omission to reduce as equivalent to raising prices have to be made exercisable in law, by some sort of cross-reference between the two Acts, or by some Order (under either Act) establishing an hypothesis of presumption in law that owners of compulsorily destamped proprietaries who do not reduce prices are deemed to be acquiring financial benefit thereby which is accounted a raising of prices within the meaning of the Act?

When it is borne in mind that stamped proprietaries, during long years, have been overridden, through the operation of the Medicine Stamp Duty Acts, by a quasi "restraint of trade," which has in effect made it impossible for them to raise their prices even by 1 per cent., it seems almost vindictive to harrass the makers with "inequitable" assault when that long injustice has been alleviated.

When it is borne in mind, again, that by Section 11 of the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, 1941, the leading stamped (and certainly the oldest-established) proprietaries are to be deprived of the secrecy of their formula, the very heart and core of the goodwill which they have paid thousands—collectively, millions—of pounds to safeguard, it should surely be legitimate to assess this deprivation as abolition of profit on the same principle as destamping (by compulsion) is apparently to be assessed as an access of profit.

Yours truly, RED-EYED MONSTER (25/8).

From an Employee

SIR,—The Pharmacy and Medicines Bill was undoubtedly rushed through Parliament without the average pharmacist having an opportunity of fully considering or even appreciating the issues involved. On the ground that discussions were proceeding with one or other party to the Bill, the Pharmaceutical Society kept quiet until it was too late. Since then it has itself registered a feeble protest against legislation of this character being passed in war-time. Still, it was known that the proprietary medicine manufacturers and the Customs and Excise officials intended to take the first opportunity of having the "antique" Patent Medicines Acts repealed, while the difficulties resulting from sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, became evident almost from the start. Official circles in pharmacy have adopted a negative policy, hoping to shelve the issues rather than face up to them, and the profession as a whole cannot really sustain the claim that it has had no opportunity of dealing with these matters.

Ostensibly on the grounds that an injustice had placed the co-operative societies at a disadvantage with other traders, the Society

failed to make the "co-ops" comply with the 1933 Act. But was the Society really concerned about this injustice? Have they not in fact sacrificed our right to claim that we, as pharmacists, have suffered an injustice by the passing of the new Act? The "co-ops" were allowed to trade contrary to the Act on the ground that the reorganisation that would have been necessary might have caused a greater number of pharmacies to be opened and the "co-ops" to compete not only in the sale of drugs and medicines but also in dispensing. The Society was apparently concerned with maintaining the economic position of the proprietor pharmacist, conveniently forgetting that extension of the co-operative stores' activities was dependent upon the number of pharmacists available, and that as employers the "co-ops" offer reasonable wages and conditions. Apart, however, from any other issue the Society is not in any position to decide whether one form of trading or another is desirable, and has always withheld encouragement from employees on the grounds that it could not favour one particular section of its members. In effect the Society, by not maintaining the position under the 1933 Act, acquiesced in the sale of drugs and medicines by any retailer, whilst trying to secure dispensing for the pharmacist. Thus it had no alternative but to accept the principles of the 1941 Bill.

What effect will the Act have on retail conditions? Proprietary-medicine manufacturers will undoubtedly seek to extend their points of distribution, in order to counterbalance the effects of restricted advertising. Large stores, grocers, and others will seek to bolster up turnover by introducing packed drugs and medicines. This development will be limited by the amount of supplies available, but it is worth noting that the tendency is contrary to the Government's policy of restricting distribution, and comes at a time when many pharmacies may have to be closed in the nation's interest. Such privileges as the Society has saved for its members can only be turned to advantage if we are prepared to face realities. The National Pharmaceutical Union has found a great deal of its work incomplete and ineffective through lack of support from employees in pharmacy, and the future standards of both proprietor and employee pharmacists depend upon the way both can adjust themselves to the new conditions. Only by close co-operation between all retail pharmacists can competition be eliminated insofar as our professional services are concerned, and it is this uneconomic competition in retail pharmacy that has resulted in low dispensing fees, low wages for employees, and lack of control over the patent-medicine industry. From a purely employee point of view conditions in pharmacy are no different from those in other occupations and there are obvious advantages in association with the Trade Union movement. It must be recognised by all pharmacists that this movement is an integral part of the economic structure of the country, and as such is as responsible an element as, for instance, the Federation of British Industries. The fact that company chemists are engaged in pharmacy does not prevent them from association with organisations like the Multiple Traders' Federation.

Both the Pharmaceutical Society and the N.P.U. will have to recognise that an employee organisation fully represented within pharmacy is necessary to balance the interests of pharmacists. The employees, on the other hand, will not have to confuse "political" issues with "pharmaceutical" problems. The basis of any relationship between these organisations can only be "pharmaceutical." That such co-operation is not impossible has been shown by the establishment of a local liaison committee by the Leeds Branches of the National Pharmaceutical Union and Association of Pharmaceutical Employees. Pharmaceutical problems are discussed in which members of both sections have expressed their opinions on equal terms as pharmacists. Extension of the spirit in which this development has been inaugurated would revitalise pharmacy and enable pharmacists to raise their professional and economic status.

Leeds.

Yours faithfully

M. JACKSON,

Proprietary Articles Trade Association

Alterations to Protected List.—Beechams Pills, Ltd., Iglodine Co., Ltd., William Edwards & Sons, and Wyleys, Ltd.—For new prices operative from September 2, see p. 124.

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